

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BOB DAVIES**, on January 30, 2001 at  
8:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Davies, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jack Wells, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. John Brueggeman (R)

**Staff Present:** Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Cyndie Lockett, Committee Secretary  
Amy Sassano, OBPP

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:  
Executive Action: Department of Transportation

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Chairman Davies** called the meeting to order. **Mr. DeWitt** gave the subcommittee a handout **EXHIBIT(jgh24a01)**.

**Rep. Brueggeman** absent

**Rep. Lindeen** excused

**Budget Item: Present Law Adjustments for Maintenance Program**

**Motion:** **SEN. McCARTHY** moved to approve DP 1 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** **SEN. STAPLETON** moved to approve DP 2 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** **SEN. STAPLETON** moved to approve DP 3 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** **SEN. McCARTHY** moved to approve DP 4 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** **SEN. STAPLETON** moved to approve DP 5 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** **SEN. WELLS** moved to approve DP 7 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** **SEN. McCARTHY** moved to approve DP 10 as requested.

**Rep. Brueggeman** entered the meeting.

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. STAPLETON** made a substitute motion to approve DP 10 at the amount of \$472,127 in FY 2002 and in FY 2003. **The**

question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 11 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 12 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 13 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

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Budget Item: New Proposals for Maintenance Program

Motion: REP. BRUEGGEMAN moved to approve DP 2 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 3 as requested, but as one time only.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Discussion from Sen. Wells on wanting to cut DP 5 and DP 8.

Mr. Galt suggested that the subcommittee go back to DP 3 and take away the \$167,700 from FY 2003 with understanding that the DOT would be back in FY 2004 to ask for \$167,700 for the remainder of the radios needed. He wanted the money to go towards DP 5 and DP 8 because he felt that those proposals were more important to the Department.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to reopen DP 3 and to approve FY 2002 amount of \$167,700 as a one time only and to eliminate the \$167,700 requested for FY 2003.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 5 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. MCCARTHY moved to approve DP 8 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. WELLS moved to approve the language "All appropriations in the Maintenance Program are biennial"

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Budget Item: State Motor Pool Proprietary Rates**

**Mr. DeWitt** explained that the subcommittee will be approving rates. These rates give a source of revenue for the State Motor Pool Program.

**Sen. Stapleton** pointed out the retained earnings went up slightly. He wanted to know the effect on each of those rates per hour assigned and per mile operated for both FY 2002 and FY 2003 if the subcommittee reduced the rates by 1/1000. For example on page A-93 in the LFD Budget Analysis book the first rate under "Per Hour Assigned" the subcommittee changed it by 1/1000 so it would go from 1.597 to 1.596.

**John Blacker, Maintenance Manager for the Department of Transportation,** told **Sen. Stapleton** it would have to be recalculated and that he could not say for sure what a effect it would have.

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**Motion:** SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve the fees and charges contained on Table 7B for the State Motor Pool with a reduction in rates of .005 for per hour assigned and for per mile operated.

**Sen. McCarthy** asked to wait on voting on the motion until the committee could see the results of this reduction and find out from the department how they feel about the change. **Mr. Galt** said he would get someone to recalculate.

**Mr. Blacker** came back after break and told the subcommittee the amount of money they were looking to cut with **Sen. Stapleton's**

motion of .005. FY 2002 the amount would drop \$66,091 and in FY 2003 \$70,173.

**Sen. Stapleton** requested a historical on the 60-day working capital of the program. He wanted to know how close to 60 days the agency has come in past years. **Monte Brown, Chief of Financial Management Bureau**, said he would get that data together for the subcommittee.

**Motion:** **REP. BRUEGGEMAN** moved to approve a reduction of \$250,000 general fund in the Construction program.

Discussion came up that the committee would have to draft a bill to change the statue already existing on this money.

**Rep. Brueggeman** withdrew his motion until there was further research on what he and the committee would need to do to fix the existing statue.

**Budget Item: Equipment Program Proprietary Rates**

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**Sen. Stapleton** encouraged the Equipment Program to manage overtime to minimize its use.

**Motion:** **SEN. McCARTHY** moved to approve rates for the Equipment Program based on a maximum 60-day working capital reserve for fund 06508.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxies from Lindeen, Brueggeman, and Wells voting aye.

**Budget Item: Present Law Adjustments for Motor Carrier Services**

**Motion:** **SEN. STAPLETON** moved to approve DP 1 for \$47,333 in FY 2002 and with \$47,333 in FY 2003.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxies from Brueggeman and Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** **SEN. McCARTHY** moved to approve DP 2 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 3 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 4 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 5 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Budget Item: New Proposals for Motor Carrier Services

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 1 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 2 as a one time only.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Budget Item: Present Law Adjustments for Aeronautics Program

Motion: SEN. WELLS moved to approve DP 1 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 2 as a biennial appropriation.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

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Motion: SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 3 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 4 as a biennial appropriation.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Budget Item: Present Law Adjustments for Transportation Planning Division**

**Motion:** SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 1 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 3 as requested with \$8,597 in FY 2002 and with \$8,508 in FY 2003 as the total amount of overtime in DP 3 and DP 7.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 4 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 5 as an one-time-only biennial appropriation.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. STAPLETON made a substitute motion to approve DP 5 at the amount of \$60,000 of state special fund and at the amount of \$240,000 federal special fund as one-time-only biennial appropriation.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 6 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

**Motion:** SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 7 as requested with the understanding that this decision package is to be coordinated with DP 3 so the overtime requests in DP 3 and DP 7 are limited to the amounts approved in DP 3.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried

unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 8 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 9 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously with a proxy from Lindeen voting aye.

Budget Item: New Proposals for Transportation Planning Division

Rep. Lindeen returned to the meeting.

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Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 1 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. STAPLETON moved to approve DP 2 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 3 as one time only.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 4 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried 5-1 with REP. LINDEEN voting no.

Motion: SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 5 as one-time-only, biennial appropriation.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion failed with SEN. WELLS, SEN. McCARTHY, and REP. LINDEEN voting aye.

Motion: SEN. WELLS moved to approve DP 6 as requested.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion carried

**unanimously.**

**Motion:** SEN. McCARTHY moved to approve DP 7 as requested.

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried  
**unanimously.**

**Motion:** REP. BRUEGGEMAN moved to approve the language "All appropriations in the Transportation Planning Program are biennial"

**Vote:** The question was called for and the motion carried  
**unanimously.**

**Mr. Brown** presented the numbers that **Sen. Stapleton** was looking for regarding the State Motor Pool 60-day reserve. **Sen. Stapleton** points out they are not what he was asking for and he explained the detail of what he is expecting as far as a historical document.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

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REP. BOB DAVIES, Chairman

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CYNDIE LOCKETT, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (jgh24aad)